April 2, 2013

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Re: Request for Waiver of Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2013

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Dear Ms. Dortch,

We are writing to respectfully request the FCC to grant a waiver of the Funding Year 2013 Form 471 deadline so that the York City School District's Form 471 Priority 2 E-rate application will be considered as having been filed within the 'window.'

The Form 471 was created and entirely finished on March 13, and the item 21 attachments were submitted on March 14. A copy of the Form 471 printed on March 13 shows that it was completely finished and is attached. Also attached are the Item 21 transmission e-mail and USAC confirmation e-mail from March 14. Since this date, the District fully believed that the application had been submitted and was awaiting PIA review. When checking the Form 471 status on April 2, the status showed 'incomplete' and it was at that point that the District realized it had not hit the 'submit' button on the application. The District promptly submitted the application within minutes of realizing this error.

The York City School District is one of four school districts in Pennsylvania that has been declared 'financially distressed' by the Department of Education. On December 12, 2012, the Pennsylvania Education Secretary appointed a Chief Recovery Officer to develop a financial recovery plan for the District. This designation as a financially distressed school district establishes a set course of action that is intended to assist financially distressed school districts get back onto solid economic ground. Without the E-rate funding requested on Form 471 # 917088, the District would otherwise not be able to afford the products and services requested.

We realize that previous precedent is for the Commission to grant Form 471 deadline waiver requests if the Form was submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline. In light of the fact that the Form 471 was entirely completed, the Item 21 attachments were filed before the Form 471 deadline, and the fact that the District has been declared financially distressed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we respectfully request the FCC view these extenuating circumstances as good cause to waive the Form 471 deadline for this application.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Tritt Schell

**PA E-rate Coordinator**